

perfect its self in the cones

I have not time to write you further
now please write us at Athens

Menard Co. Ill. we shall expect
to be there about the 1st October
or soon after

yours with respects
E. Hall

Denver City C.S.

Sept 1st 1862

Friend Gray

We have just arrived at
this place from the Mountains and are
now preparing to start for the States. We have
made a very large & good collection as I think
the species will number between 600 hundred
and nearly all of them we have to the extent of
30 specimens & most of them to 40. My friend
Worboar has been an industrious worker
having collected most of the Alpine plants
my health being too poor to climb these
high & rugged mountains. Our partner-
ship relations with Dr Parry have been unfor-
-tunate and a letter just rec'd from him
notifies us that he wants it dissolved from the
21st July & that he will not accompany us home
but will remain here until Nov. he is
at his old place where he collected last year
where we left him on the 21st July by agreement

he to collect in that region whilst we
went to the South park & on the western
slope of the dividing range and on the head
waters of the Colorado and to meet us here on
or about the first Sept. & return to Davenport
& put the collection in sets or, to his propos-
ition of dissolution on the terms he proposes
we of course cannot willingly agree & I
have written him to that effect. A trifling
careless difficulty with us has doubtless led
him to adopt this course. The history of which
I hope it will not be necessary to trouble you
with. We do not know what course he will
finally adopt but as we are likely now to have
to arrange the collection in sets ourselves we
have to solicit your instructions in detail for
this work we have heretofore depended upon
him for this information. We shall also want
you to sell them for us. We expect to contrib-
ute you an entire set - besides we will
compensate you for labor in our behalf
in effecting sales shipping &c. We want particular
directions for labels and if it differs materially

if the species be or be not arranged in the natural
order system also the kind of packages we
should procure for the sets it is our desire
that you shall inspect the collection when you
receive it & fix upon its value. We have
adopted your suggestion to me to collect every-
thing in the mountains with very few excep-
tions of quite common plants in sets that grow
here without any variation as I discover.
We shall collect what we can on the plains
on our homeward trip. The division
line between plane and mountain plants
is not very distinct. Some plane plants reach
to a height of 10,000 feet or even more & truly
alpine species often straggle down below 6000.
We are also collecting seeds in large variety but
in small quantity any that you wish
to try in cultivation we will cheerfully
contribute we shall also have of many species
of flowering plants parcels for sale that we shall
want to send to you for this purpose of the pines
& Spruces we have just collected a lot of cones
the seed I think is nearly mature and will